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**Ben T. Barry**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: April 2007  
Term Expires: April 2021

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas

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**Jimm Larry Hendren**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Arkansas 1964 BA, 1965 LLB  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Chancellor and Probate Judge, Arkansas Chancery Court, Sixteenth District (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Little & Enfield (1968-1969); Private Practice (1970-1977); Partner, Hendren & Hood (1986-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1968); Military Judge, Department of the Navy (1969-1970); United States Naval Reserve (1970-1983)

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Justice; American Bar Association; Arkansas Bar Association; Benton County Bar Association; Washington County Bar Association

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**Harry F. Barnes**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Naval Acad 1956 BS; Arkansas 1964 LLB  
Began Service: 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Judge, Municipal Court (1975-1982); Judge, Arkansas Circuit Court, 30th Judicial District (1982-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Pryor & Barnes (1964-1966); Partner, Barnes & Roberts (1966-1968); Partner, Gaughan, Laney, Barnes & Roberts (1968-1972); Partner, Gaughan, Laney & Barnes (1978-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1956-1961); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1964-1986)

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**Robert T. Dawson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Arkansas 1960 BA, 1965 LLB  
Began Service: April 15, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Member, Board of Education, Fort Smith Public Schools, City of Fort Smith, Arkansas (1976-1982); President, Board of Education, Fort Smith Public Schools, City of Fort Smith, Arkansas (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Hardin, Dawson & Terry (and predecessor firms) (1965-1998)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1961-1962)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; The University of Arkansas Alumni Association

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**Audrey R. Evans**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Texas 1967 BA; Arkansas 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 19, 2002  
Term Expires: February 2016

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1999)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable G. Thomas Eisele, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (1983-1985)

**Government:** Member, State Board of Law Examiners, State of Arkansas (1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP (1985-1990); Partner, Lax, Vaughn, Evans & Fortson, PA (1991-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers; Arkansas Bar Association; Debtor-Creditor Bar Association of Central Arkansas; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Pulaski County Bar Association

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**James G. Mixon**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Arkansas 1968 LLB  
Began Service: December 1, 2006  
Term Expires: December 1, 2009

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John A. Fogleman, Arkansas Supreme Court (1968-1969)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Arkansas, United States Department of Justice (1969-1973); City Attorney, State of Arkansas (1975-1977); Member, Office of the City Council, City of Bentonville, Arkansas (1978-1982)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas (1984-2006); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (1984-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1973); Partner, Little, McCollum & Mixon (1973-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1963-1965)

**Current Memberships:** Arkansas Bar Association; Debtor-Creditor Bar Association of Central Arkansas; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Pulaski County Bar Association

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